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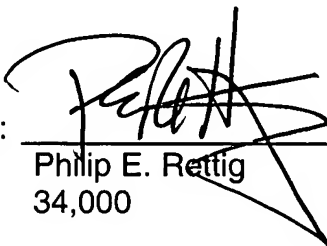
Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2004, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention identified as Species 2 and which is shown and described in reference to FIGS. 1, 3 and 4. Applicant believes that all claims (Claims 1-27) read on the elected species and acknowledges that independent Claims 1, 7, 14, 26 and 27 are generic to both species. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no claims need to be withdrawn and, as such, respectfully requests the Examiner to examine all currently pending claims.

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